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A copy of a recently filed, first page of specification, Utility Patent Application Transmittal and executed Declaration for Patent Application (5 docs, 15 pages) is submitted herewith.

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